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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, GW, ILO, PLAB

SUBJECT: US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

REF: (A) STATE 260803; (B) STATE 261432

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1. EMBASSY CONVEYED MESSAGE OF REF A AS INSTRUCTED. LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL WINFRID HAASE IN CHARGE OF ILO AFFAIRS RECEIVED IT WITH NO COMMENT. TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT SENT TO HAASE, GERD MUHR, DGB VICE PRESIDENT AND GERMAN WORKER MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY, ERNST-GERHARD ERDMANN, GERMAN EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND DETLEF ZOELLNER, HEAD OF ILO BRANCH OFFICE IN BONN. LATTER PHONED EMBASSY LABATT AND REQUESTED PRECISE WORDING OF ANNOUNCEMENT.

2. IMMEDIATE GERMAN PRESS REACTION VIRTUALLY LIMITED TO AP AND DPA REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION AND SOME OF BACKGROUND LEADING TO THE DECISION. REACTION  
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FROM ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY OTTO KERSTEN CARRIED IN AT LEAST ONE GERMAN PAPER. HE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT FIGHT OF FREE TRADE UNIONS TO ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT AS RESULT OF US DECISION, BUT THAT ICFTU WOULD WORK CLOSER IN ILO WITH DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

3. DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER GERD MUHR ISSUED  
STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID THAT DGB DEPLORED THE US  
ACTION, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DGB HAS ALWAYS SHARED  
THE US CRITICISM OF SOME ACTIVITIES IN ILO. FULL TEXT  
OF MUHR STATEMENT WILL BE SENT WHEN RECEIVED.

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4. DCM INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL VAN WELL  
WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID THAT FRG REGRETTE  
THE DECISION. HE CONSIDERED IT INCONSISTENT WITH THE  
GENERAL US EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. HE SAID FRG WOULD CONSULT WITH  
OTHER EEC MEMBERS ON JOINT POSITION.  
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